

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

Claims 12-15 have now been canceled.

New claim 27 finds support in the Specification on page 19, line 19.

New claim 28 finds support in previously presented claim 24.

New claim 29 finds support in original claim 16.

New claim 30 finds support in the Specification on page 77, line 17.

Claims 17, 19, 20 and 26 have been amended to depend from claim 11 or claim 27.

No new matter has been added.

Statement of the Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting an Interview and for her most helpful remarks. The remaining rejections of all of the claims were discussed. Agreement was reached based upon the Examiner's finding of a new prior art reference.

Conclusion

Accordingly, allowance of the claims of the present application is respectfully requested. In the event that the Amendment does not place the present application into condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the present application into better condition for appeal.

Application No. 10/812,587
Amendment dated March 12, 2008
Reply to Office Action of June 18, 2007

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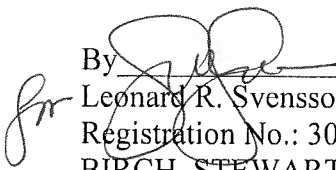
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Susan W. Gorman (Reg. No. 47,604) in San Diego, CA at telephone number 858-792-8855 to conduct an Interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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